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SECRETS CASE 5 REMANDED

HEARING IN WEEK

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Five people who face charges under the Official Secrets Act made a brief appearance in the dock at Bow Street yesterday. They were remanded in custody until to-day week when the hearing will start at Marylebone.

They are charged with conspiring, between June, 1960 and January, 1961, to commit breaches of Section One of the Official Secrets Act. The section deals with spying activities and provides for a minimum penalty of three years' imprisonment and a maximum of seven years.

The accused are: Gordon Arnold Lonsdale, 37, company director, of White House, Albany Street, Regent's Park; Harry Frederick Houghton, 53, civil servant, Meadow View Road, Broadway, Weymouth; Peter John Kroger, 36, bookseller, and his wife, Helen Joyce Kroger, 47, of Cranley Drive, Ruislip and Ethel Elizabeth Gee, 46, civil servant, Hambridge Road, Portland, Dorset.

As the five accused entered the dock, Houghton waved and smiled to someone at the back of the court. He was again given permission to see Miss Gee who, he said at an earlier hearing, is his fiancee. Kroger was given permission to see his wife.

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